



USDA, AMS, Poultry Market News

Weekly Egg Products Report

March 26, 2004

The "SOURCE" of Poultry and Egg Market Information

COMBINED REGIONAL REPORT - Combined regional for week ending 26-Mar-04 average prices on Sales to volume buyers, Grade A large, white eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

	Northeast	Southeast	Midwest	South Central	Combined Regional
This week	122.00	123.50	117.50	122.50	121.40
Last week	122.00	123.50	117.50	122.50	121.40

SELECTED CITIES DELIVERED STORE DOOR LARGE - 26-Mar-04:

New York 118-122 **Chicago & Midwest** 119-127 **California** 157

WEEKLY SHELL EGG AND BREAKING STOCK INVENTORY - 22-Mar-04 - (30 DOZEN CASES - IN THOUSANDS)

	Northeast	North Central	South Central	South Atlantic	Pacific	5-Area	Breaking Stock	Total
Current week	182.4	361.0	191.8	264.9	310.3	1310.4	223.6	1534.0
% change PW	18	20	15	8	34	19	3	16

Breaking Stock 26-Mar-04 - prices paid cents/dozen, material exchanged, 30-dozen case equivalent, 48 lb minimum, delivered to breakers.

	Central States	Eastern Region
Nest Run	75-80	79-88 M 82-84
Checks & Undergrades	68-74 M 68-70	67-74 M 69-74

Eggs Processed under federal inspection week ending **20-Mar-04**.

Pounds in Thousands (excludes ingredients)

	Cases Broken	Liquid Whole	Liquid White	Liquid Yolk	Dried	Inedible
CURRENT WEEK	1,160,324	28,714	10,452	5,909	1,983	4,002
PREVIOUS WEEK	1,167,965	28,880	10,633	5,989	2,371	4,140
LAST YEAR	1,103,928	27,637	9,365	5,208	1,917	3,965
% CHANGE PW	-1	-1	-2	-1	-16	-3
% CHANGE LY	5	4	12	13	3	1
TO-DATE 2004	12,757,012	302,568	122,397	68,644	28,641	44,886
TO-DATE 2003	12,287,288	298,065	111,733	61,934	26,894	45,463
% CHANGE YTD	4	2	10	11	6	-1

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE INCLUDED)

Current Week: 42.30 **Previous Week:** 42.50 **Last Year:** 41.83

AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE (INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)

Current Week: 38.85 **Previous Week:** 38.96 **Last Year:** 38.24

National Liquid Eggs - 26-Mar-04 - prices paid cents/lb, f.o.b. plant, non-pasteurized trucklots, for delivery within 14 days.

Class	Loads	Range	Wtd. Avg.	Change From Last Week
WHOLE	9	73-81.5	79.08	-2.63
WHITES	14	76-77.5	77.13	-.28
YOLKS		TFEWR		

Pasteurized whites reported from 84 to 86 cents fob with pasteurized salt yolk reported from 63 to 64 cents fob.

Frozen Egg Prices - 26-Mar-04 wholesale selling price cents/lb, 30-lb containers.

	Trucklot						Less-than-Trucklot (min 25 cont.)	
Class	Eastern			Central			Eastern	South California ²
Whole	85-94	M	87-89	86-90	M	89-90	93-98	92-95
Blends ³	TOO FEW	TO	REPORT				97-105	-
Whites	89-93	M	89-91	89-92	M	90-92	94-99	94-97
Yolks ⁴								
Sugared	74-78			74-78	M	78	81-92	81-84
Salted	71-75			72-75			78-83	79-82

² f.o.b. shipping point

³ whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 28-32% egg solids

⁴ minimum 43% solids

National Dried Egg Prices - 26-Mar-04 - wholesale selling prices \$/lb, in containers, trucklot and less-than-trucklot volumes.

Class	Range	Mostly
WHOLE	3.30-3.65	3.35-3.53
YOLKS	1.55-2.10	1.65-1.75
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	6.65-7.35	6.90-7.15
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	2.00-2.55	2.10-2.25

Number of Light Hens Sltrd. in Federally Inspected Plants (Thousands) Weekending 20-Mar-2004

Fowl Slaughtered in U.S.		U.S. Fowl Slaughtered in Canada		Total U.S. Fowl Slaughtered	
This week	1,283	This week	202	This week	1,485
Last week	1,344	Last week	377	Last week	1,721
Last year	1,597	Last year	139	Last year	1,736
To Date 2004	14,020	To Date 2004	2,573	To Date 2004	16,593
To Date 2003	18,224	To Date 2003	3,483	To Date 2003	21,707

Inspected Egg Products

U.S. Exports To Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 13-Mar-04

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	239	0	0	239
Last year /1	154	14	51	219
To date 2004	1,549	0	97	1,646
To date 2003	1,927	14	135	2,076

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Thousand Pounds (Preliminary) week ending - 13-Mar-04

	Liquid	Frozen	Dried	Total
Current week	88	0	80	168
Last year /1	49	198	40	287
To date 2004	1,072	200	595	1,867
To date 2003	1,309	923	200	2,432

Inspected Shell Eggs

U.S. Exports To Canada, in 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary) week ending - 13-Mar-04

	Jumbo	EX-Lg	Large	Medium	Ungraded	Misc	Total
Current week	0	0	800	1,500	0	0	2,300
Last year /1	0	30	30	3,120	0	660	3,840
To date 2004	50	2,160	9,893	7,530	13,488	0	33,121
To date 2003	0	180	5,233	8,884	1,470	1,392	17,159

/1 Comparable week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) - Cold Storage - stocks in all warehouses on 29-Feb-04
Frozen Eggs (Thousand pounds)

	Whites	Yolks	Whole & Mixed	Unclassified	Total
Current Month	2,900	1,122	13,914	3,207	21,143
Previous Month	2,870	1,149	12,423	4,862	21,304
Last year	2,571	1,169	9,463	3,924	17,127
% of Previous Month	101	98	112	66	99
% of Last Year	113	96	147	82	123

National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) - Chickens and Eggs Narrative - 22-Mar-04

Total All Layers on 01-Mar-04 totaled 340 million, down slightly from a year ago.

Rate of lay per day for all layers on 01-Mar-04 averaged 70.5 eggs per 100 layers, up 1% from a year ago.

Table/Commercial Egg Producing Layers on 01-Mar-04 = 280.5 million, down 0% from a year ago.

Rate of lay per day for table egg type on 01-Mar-04 averaged 72.9 eggs per 100 layers, up 1% from 01-Mar-03.

30 Major Egg Production States produced 6.44 billion eggs during Feb-04, up 3% from Feb-03.

Egg Type Chicks Hatched during Feb-04 totaled 32.1 million, up 7% from Feb-03.

Eggs in Incubators totaled 34.3 million on 01-Mar-04, up 12% from a year ago.

Domestic Placement of Egg-Type Pullet Chicks for Future Hatchery Supply Flocks = 285,000 during Feb-04, up 29% from Feb-03.

30 SELECTED STATES

Table Egg Type layers on 01-Mar-04 = 262.6 million, down 0% from 01-Mar-03.

Eggs per 100 Table Egg Layers on 01-Mar-04 = 72.9, up 1% from 01-Mar-03.

Layers in forced molt on 01-Mar-04 were 4.6, up 35% from those in molt on 01-Mar-03.

Layers with molt completed on 01-Mar-04 were 23.6, down 0% from 01-Mar-03.

Layers sold during Feb-04 totaled 12.7 million, down 2% from Feb-03.

Layers rendered, died, destroyed, composted or disappeared for any reason during Feb-04 were 5.6 million, down 17% from Feb-03.

Pullets less than 20 weeks of age on 01-Mar-04 = 90.3 million, up 0% from 01-Mar-03.

Pullets added during Feb-04 = 20.2 million, down 8% from Feb-03.

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